

Moving forward, Pastor Young became an entrepreneur. She is the owner of Hattie's Kitchen. Also, she founded Word of God Ministries, Inc. seventeen years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pastor Hattie Young for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

#### HONORING FIREFIGHTER FRANCIS COOK FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

##### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2018*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Firefighter Francis Cook for fifty years of active service with the Crown Point Fire Department.

Firefighter Francis Cook has been an instrumental member of the Crown Point Fire Department since he joined in 1968. He has held numerous positions in the Department, including Fire Chief for two years. Throughout his 50 years of service, Firefighter Cook demonstrated a superb work ethic and a commitment to becoming an outstanding firefighter. In 2018 alone, he responded to 96 emergency calls and attended 43 training events, totaling just over 223 active hours. He also took advantage of opportunities to become a card holder for CPR and First Aid to assist with first response calls, and earned multiple NYS Firefighting Certifications.

Mr. Cook devoted 50 years of his life to fire protection, and is an exemplary member of his community. On behalf of New York's 21st district, I would like to thank Firefighter Cook for a lifetime of sacrifices and dedication to keeping the Crown Point and the surrounding communities safe.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2018*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes on Friday, November 16. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call Vote Number 419 (Passage of H.R. 5787, the Strengthening Coastal Communities Act): YES; Roll Call Vote Number 420 (Passage of H.R. 6439, the Manage our Wolves Act): NO.

#### HONORING THE CAREER OF MR. JIM PAGLIARINI, PRESIDENT & CEO OF TWIN CITIES PBS

##### HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2018*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Jim Pagliarini, on his remarkable 21 years as the President and CEO of Twin Cities PBS or Twin Cities Public Television (TPT). Under Jim's leadership, TPT has become one of this nation's most successful,

innovative and prolific public television stations. While not only launching and producing popular programming and community facing initiatives, the successes of TPT have gone on to become nationwide models for how other PBS stations interact with their audiences and the communities they serve.

After seeing the power that television has to educate communities, and children especially, Jim earned a Master's degree in education from Temple University and went on to found the PBS station in Reno Nevada. He was one of the youngest station leaders in the nation at 29 years old. After successfully running the Reno PBS station, he was encouraged to apply for the position of President and CEO of TPT here in Saint Paul, Minnesota. His arrival in Saint Paul in 1997 marked the beginning of a new era for TPT.

Jim is often spoken of as a keen listener who cares about the thoughts and visions of those around him. His strategic vision, as well as the staff and leadership team he oversees, has enabled TPT to be a national leader in serving the community with a variety of offerings both on television and the web. Twin Cities Public Television is consistently one of the most viewed stations in the country and excels in offering programming and content to people at every stage of life, spanning from early childhood to later adulthood. Jim has not only been an enormous positive force for TPT, but has leveraged his talents and knowledge for the betterment of public broadcasting nationwide. In addition to serving and being re-elected to the national PBS board, in 2006 he took a partial leave of absence to lead strategic planning for all public television stations around the country.

One of the many successes that TPT has had during Jim's tenure as President and CEO has been a partnership with the state's non-profits to help them use the power of media to broadcast their values and missions to viewers across Minnesota. This initiative helped to launch the Minnesota Channel in 2003, which became a national model for public broadcasting community partnerships. During Jim's time at TPT, the station completed a \$40 million campaign to modernize their headquarters and invest in new digital work. It was the most ambitious campaign in TPT's history.

Under Mr. Pagliarini's leadership, Twin Cities Public Television has thrived and grown into a model public broadcaster. TPT is a shining jewel for Minnesota, and the Fourth Congressional District, where it is located in Saint Paul. Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing Jim all the best in his retirement, and to honor him for his years of educating and enriching the lives of Minnesota residents through his work at Twin Cities Public Television.

#### HONORING SCOTT SILVEUS

##### HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2018*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Scott Silveus for his contribution to our state.

During my entire tenure in Congress, Scott has been a loyal friend and wise adviser.

Scott is also a leader in Indiana's agriculture industry, serving as an executive at Silveus Insurance Group. Our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Scott is a brother in Christ. I have appreciated his prayers and encouragement over the years. I want to thank him for his friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family.

#### CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF A PLACE CALLED HOME

##### HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2018*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 25th anniversary of A Place Called Home, a nonprofit organization in South Los Angeles which provides a safe, nurturing environment for local youth and families.

Debrah Constance created A Place Called Home in 1993 to provide a safe haven for teens needing to escape gang violence on the streets of South Central L.A. From its humble beginnings in the basement of a church, the organization has grown into a beacon of hope and opportunity that has served more than 20,000 young people and their families.

Today, under the leadership of executive director Jonathan Zeichner and a committed board of directors and staff, A Place Called Home offers programs that prepare young people for employment or higher education. These young people also receive opportunities to access counseling, tutoring, college scholarships, vocational preparation, and internships. The organization offers classes for parents as well.

A Place Called Home is a focal point for many community activities. Its Marion Brucker Community Auditorium hosts a theater program, as well as cultural events, town hall meetings, and candidate debates. The organization also hosts events for the community throughout the year, including meals and distributions of food, beds, clothing, books, toys, and school supplies.

In addition, A Place Called Home teaches the importance of civic and community engagement, and provides opportunities for community service throughout the year. It also features three gardens where young people grow and harvest organic fruits, vegetables and flowers.

As A Place Called Home reaches 25 years of service, it remains fully committed to elevating the lives and futures of young people growing up in challenging circumstances, so they can become the leaders, healers, teachers, scientists, farmers, and builders our country needs. The organization embraces social and economic justice for all. It stands for the rights and well-being of all peoples, no matter who they are, where they come from, or how they worship.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of all the students, families, and communities helped by A Place Called Home, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating this distinguished organization on its 25th anniversary. I wish A Place Called Home the very best as it continues its mission of helping underserved